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To: Hon. Dr Leon Schreiber, MP Minister of Home Affairs Parliament of Republic of South Africa

## RE: Concerns regarding Home Affairs Office, Cleary Park, Nelson Mandela Bay

Dear Hon. Dr Schreiber

I hereby write this Letter in my capacity as the Constituency Leader of the Port Elizabeth Northern Areas in Nelson Mandela Bay to raise longstanding operational concerns of the Home Affairs Office located in Cleary Park, Nelson Mandela Bay.

During an oversight visit to the office on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021, I identified a crisis that required immediate attention from the Home Affairs Portfolio Committee. Consequently, on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, I wrote to the former Speaker of Parliament, Ms Mapisa-Nqakula, requesting that the matter be placed on the Agenda of the Home Affairs Portfolio Committee for urgent attention and discussion. Regrettably, despite receiving a response from the Portfolio Committee, this matter remains unaddressed.

Bearing in mind that this office provides a critical service to the entire Northern Areas as it is centrally located within a single taxi journey from all parts of the Northern Areas, our residents particularly the elderly, are suffering due to the capacity constraints at this office.

I thus kindly request that your office not only investigate how the capacity constraints may be addressed, but also arrange a full Home Affairs outreach initiative in the Northern Areas, to assist the residents who have long been treated without dignity in this respect.

I trust that you will consider the above and look forward to your favourable response in this regard.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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